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SUBJ: FOREIGN AID FOR JORDAN AIRPORT AND AIRLINES

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT GOJ RECEIVED AT RABAT CONFERENCE PLEDGE BY RULERS OF QATAR AND UAE TO FUND EXPANDED VERSION OF NEW AMMAN AIRPORT PREVIOUSLY TO BE FUNDED BY FRG AND GOJ. IT IS BELIEVED THAT FRG LOAN ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR AIRPORT WILL NOW BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES BY GOJ AND MOREOVER THAT GOJ IS NOW PLANNING A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF ORIGINAL AIRPORT PROJECT. NEW AIRPORT WOULD CONSIST OF TWO RATHER THAN ONE RUNWAY AND WOULD INCLUDE EXPANDED FACILITIES INCLUDING SPACE FOR UNDERTAKING AIRPORT TRAINING PROGRAM PRESUMABLY FOR JORDAN AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. TOTAL VALUE OF QATAR AND UAE AID NOT GIVEN BUT PERSONNEL WORKING ON NEW AIRPORT TOLE NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE COSTS, WITH INFLUENCE DONORS WOULD PAY ALL.

2. SOURCE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ALIA (JORDAN AIRLINES)

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CHAIRMAN ALI GHANDOUR STATED GOJ NOW HAS ACQUIRED \$23MILLION

IN FUNDS (SOURCE NOT DISCLOSED) FOR PURCHASE OF THREE USED
BOEING 707S FROM OLYMPIC AIRWAYS TO REPLACE CURRENT FLEET OF
THREE BOEING 720-B'S.(A SEPARATE MORE RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATED
AMOUNT IS \$18 MILLION). SOURCE FELT THAT, ALTHOUGH OLYMPIC
AIRWAYS APPEARS TO HAVE INSIDE TRACK AT LEAST WITH ALI GHANDOUR,
AMERICAN SOURCES OF AIRCRAFT MAY STILL HAVE A CHANCE, PARTICULARLY IF, AS APPEARS THE CASE, FINANCING IS NO PROBLEM.
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